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TAGS: EAGR

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ARGENTINE-PRC GRAIN SALE AGREEMENT

PASS USDA/FAS FOR GRAIN & FEED DIV FROM AGATTACHE

REF: BUENOS AIRES A-420 (NOTAL)

1. GOA ANNOUNCED THAT DURING RECENT VISIT PRC COMMERCIAL DELEGATION TO ARGENTINA, BOTH PARTIES AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO NEGOTIATE LONG RANGE GRAIN SALE AGREEMENT. AGREEMENT WOULD BE FOR THREE YEARS AND HAVE AS ITS OBJECTIVE SALE OF 700,000 TO 1,000,000 TONS OF GRAIN ANNUALLY. ACTUAL AMOUNT TO BE DECIDED EACH YEAR, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT NEEDS AND POSSIBILITIES EXISTING AT THE TIME. PRC HAS INVITED DELEGATION FROM ARGENTINE GRAIN BOARD TO TRAVEL TO PEKING IN EARLY NOVEMBER TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS.

2. RELIABLE GRAIN BOARD OFFICIAL LATER TOLD EMBOFFS THAT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE AGREEMENT IS EVEN MORE TENTATIVE THAN ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD INDICATE. HE CLAIMED TO HAVE NO IDEA WHAT TYPE OF GRAIN PRC WAS SEEKING, BUT  
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THOUGHT AUSTRALIA AND CANADA LIKELY TO SUPPLY MOST OR

ALL OF PRC NEEDS FOR WHEAT ON BASIS OF EXISTING AGREE-  
MENTS. ALSO INDICATED ARGENTINE CORN NORMALLY NOT  
COMPETITIVE IN FAR EASTERN MARKETS, BUT ADMITTED POLITICAL  
FACTORS COULD OVERRIDE THIS.

3. RECENT HIGH LEVEL CHANGES IN GRAIN BOARD  
PERSONNEL INCLUDING HEAD OF BOARD, MAY DELAY APPOINTMENT  
OF DELEGATES AND, THEREFORE, DELAY VISIT OF ARGENTINA  
DELEGATION TO PRC.  
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